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Sir:

This paper is in response to the Official Action dated September 20, 2005. Applicants submit herewith an Amendment as a submission accompanying the Request for Continuation Examination under 37 CFR 1.114.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.